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## Ex-Events Manager, Promoter Plead in Coliseum Case

A former events manager and a promoter pleaded no contest today to conflict of interest charges for their roles in the 2012 Coliseum embezzlement and bribery case, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Todd DeStefano, 43, pleaded no contest to one felony count of conflict of interest and promoter Reza Gerami, 41, entered his plea to a misdemeanor count of conflict of interest.

Under the terms of the plea agreement, DeStefano will serve six months in county jail, pay \$500,000 and be placed on formal probation for three years. He is scheduled to be sentenced on Aug. 23.

Gerami was ordered to pay \$30,000 and placed on summary probation for three years by Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Kathleen Kennedy.

A Grand Jury indictment unsealed in March 2012 charged DeStefano with diverting Coliseum event funds to his own company. Pasquale Rotella, 41, a music promoter and founder of the Electric Daisy Carnival, and Gerami participated in DeStefano's scheme.

Rotella's Insomniac and Gerami's Go Ventures both sponsored Coliseum events.

Rotella pleaded no contest yesterday to a misdemeanor count of conflict of interest. He was sentenced to summary probation for three years and ordered to pay \$150,000.

Former Coliseum general manager Patrick Lynch pleaded guilty to one felony count of conflict of interest four years ago and paid \$385,000.

In total, the defendants have agreed to pay more than \$1 million to Los Angeles County taxpayers.

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